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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the following references:

U.S. PATENTS:

Patent No.	<u>Patentee</u>	Date of Issue
5,329,960	Bello	Jul 19, 1994

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS:

Country	No.	Date of Publication
Germany	1 137 103	Sep 27, 1962
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The references listed above were cited by the International Examiner in the Search Report (copy enclosed) of Applicants' counterpart international patent application no. PCT/EP02/13414 (MPEP \$2001.06(a)).

OTHER FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS:

Country	No.	Date of Publication
Germany	81 18 510	Sep 24, 1981
Germany	35 27 922	Feb 12, 1987

The references listed above are mentioned in the present application.

English language abstracts are attached to the enclosed copies of $\underline{\text{DE }31\ 09\ 845}$ and $\underline{\text{DE }35\ 27\ 922}$. No English language abstracts are available for $\underline{\text{DE }81\ 18\ 510}$ and $\underline{\text{DE }1\ 137\ 103}$.

Copies of the above-listed foreign references are enclosed, together with a completed form PTO-1449.

Consideration of these references by the Examiner is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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